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Features

Author Linda Barnes



An award-winning short story, "Lucky Penny," was the masterstroke **Linda Barnes** needed in 1985 to launch her next 10 books about former Boston cop Carlotta Carlyle, a taxi driver moonlighting as a private investigator.

Previously, she had written four books featuring actor/detective Michael Spraggue, an amateur sleuth with a feminist bent. In the 1980s, most PI novels had male lead characters, but with the success of the short story, Barnes decided to introduce the tall, redheaded Carlyle in a 1987 novel called *The Trouble with Fools*. Two years later she wrote *The Snake Tattoo*, and in two-year successions *Coyote* and *Steel Guitar*. *Snapshot* came in 1994 with *Hardware* a year later. *Cold Case* appeared in 1997, followed by *Flashpoint* 1999, *The Big Dig* 2002 and *Deep Pockets* 2004. Her most recent book *Heart of the World* came out a year ago, and takes Carlyle to new locations - out of Boston to South America.

"It was time for a shake-up, a new direction, a bigger risk," Barnes told Andi Shechter of *LibraryJournal.com*. "One of the dangers of a series is complacency. I'd already placed Carlotta in a wide variety of situations in the Boston-Cambridge area. She'd proved her mettle, so I wanted to haul her out of her comfort zone. Of course, that meant moving me out of my comfort zone as well."

In past novels, Paolina Fuentes became Carlyle's "little sister" through the organization Big Brothers Big Sisters. Barnes said she made "a deliberate choice not to let Carlotta be alone, like the classic male American detective," and Paolina became the PI's "family."

In the latest novel Paolina comes up missing, Carlyle travels far from her Boston environs to Miami and Columbia to search for her. Barnes visited that country for her sister's wedding. "I fell in love with Colombia in the early 1970s, relatively tranquil years when the major export crop was coffee," she told online journalist Shechter. "Then came the bad years. A member of my brother-in-law's family was kidnapped, another was killed."

She wanted to write about Colombia, but not about the violent drug scene. She felt Colombia was more than that. A book about gold

work and shamanism sent her off on a new course, contrasting the modernism of Bogotá with the secret world of the native Kogi tribe. "My admiration for the strength of the Colombian people is bottomless," she told interviewer Shechter.

Barnes and Carlyle share similarities, but there are differences between writer and protagonist. Barnes is 5-feet 11-inches, but her character's 6-foot 1-inch. It is a height "to which I aspire," Barnes wrote in a piece called "Carlotta and Me." For a brief time Barnes had red hair, which came out of a bottle and dirtied her pillow red. Barnes made Carlyle's birthplace, Detroit, the same as hers. Carlotta had a rocky childhood with divorcing parents, who are dead. Barnes's parents are professionals, still living and "happily married."

Carlotta is single, and Barnes is married with a teenage son and lives near Boston. Barnes works her anger out in the kitchen slicing vegetables with a very sharp knife, while Carlotta pops volleyballs on the court.

"I am both repelled and fascinated by violence," wrote Barnes, who admits to a violent temper but backs off fighting. Carlotta, on the other hand, goes in with fists up. The writer has had brushes with violence, the first when she was a child and her next-door neighbor, a cop, gunned down a teen in her front yard. Later in life a friend committed suicide. Barnes remembers these episodes, and others, to absorb feelings and recount them through words.

Barnes graduated with high honors from Boston University's School of Fine and Applied Arts. She was a drama teacher and director in Boston area schools, and wrote two plays *Wings* and *Prometheus*. She received the Anthony Award in 1985 for her short story featuring Carlyle, and the American Mystery Award for Best Private Eye Novel in 1987 for *Fools*, her first Carlyle novel.

Barnes is president of the Private Eye Writers of America.

Fifth annual Author Reception

Wednesday, May 16, 2007
6 to 9 p.m.

Manchester City Library
405 Pine Street
\$65 a ticket

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Six Weeks and Counting

May 16th Author's Reception chair **Janis Reams** has lined up a full plate of area food purveyors to tease most palates. Food establishments offering appetizers or signature dishes are Lakorn Thai, Thousand Crane, Puritan Backroom Restaurant, Angela's Pasta and Cheese Shop, Piccola Italia Ristorante, Café MoMo, The Shaskeen, Athens Restaurant, and The Pavilion at Hilton Garden Inn. Swan Chocolates will have a chocolate fountain again with Hanaford Supermarkets providing dippers. Jewell & The Beanstalk and Suddenly Susan's Gourmet Deli will also offer sweets.

On board as major corporate sponsors are Citizens Bank, Sovereign Bank and TD Banknorth. Other corporate sponsors are: Members First Credit Union; Nault's Powerhouse; A-1 Auto Body Inc.; Howe, Riley & Howe; Craig, Deachman & Cowie; Edward J. Baroody; and Manchester Truck Equipment.

Invitations, soon to be posted, will be printed by Lafayette Press Inc. Central Paper Products will supply napkins, cups, plates and utensils. Jacques Flower Shop will make floral arrangements for the party and Martignetti Companies of NH will present an array of fine wines. Manchester Community Music School will play musical favorites.

The event begins at 6 p.m. at the main library branch and will continue to 9 p.m. The author will speak in the library's auditorium at 7:30 p.m. and autograph books provided by Gibson's Book Store of Concord at 8:30 p.m.

In the Board Room

The foundation's October board meeting was held at the West Side Branch. Members got a look at the renovations and upgrades to the old King Firehouse on 76 No. Main St. The foundation provided funds for desks, reading chairs, children's area furniture, and air conditioning.

Due to low attendance, the board has cancelled the annual fall appreciation fund-raising event and replaced it with a 2007 calendar. The calendar – featuring new and vintage black and white photos notes significant library dates, as well as national holidays – was mailed in November to 500 donors with the 10th annual Holiday Appeal letter. Sales of the calendar have reached \$324. The calendar is now available free – although donations will be accepted – at the main desks at both libraries.

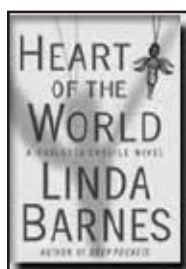
Mayor **Frank Guinta** dropped in for our December meeting and stayed for about an hour and half. He spoke at length about Manchester and his efforts to change city government to be as productive, and cost efficient, as possible. He cited various instances of work he has done to better and/or change the way Manchester government operates.

He expects to take an active role in promoting not only the city, but also the library. He said he would showcase the library on his coming April radio talk show "Sixty Minutes" on WGIR (610 AM) by having Library Director **Denise van Zanten** as his guest. He also plans to publicize the foundation's coming May fund-raising event. He has a personal stake in keeping the library afloat: His mother-in-law is lead librarian at the Cape Elizabeth Middle School as well

as president of the Maine Teachers Association. He indicated there would be trouble to pay if he didn't support the library.

The holiday appeal campaign has raised \$8,239 toward our \$15,000 goal. Those who have not yet contributed have until April 30 to send in donations.

The foundation has three accounts with Citizens Investment Management Services. At our January meeting, **Charlie Mathews** and **Bill Sirak** of CIMS spoke about the process of giving charitable donations and the foundation accounts.



Heart of the World

Paolina Fuentes, Carlotta Carlyle's "little sister," has been missing two days now, and Carlyle is panic-stricken to find her.

Could she have run away? Was her estranged father, a Colombian drug lord, involved? Was she kidnapped?

The red-headed, six-foot-one-inch Carlyle plumbs the depths of dreadful neighborhoods from Boston to Miami, and finally to Bogotá, Columbia and its high peaks in search of the young woman who has captured Carlyle's heart.

Thirty-eight Barnes books/audio copies, including Heart of the World, are available at the library. Audio books can be purchased at Audible.com for \$24.95. Hardbound books are in bookstores for the same price. A paperback version is due out in June.

Pastel Up for Bid

Local Candia artist **Robin Frisella** thought the pastel of a toddler reading to his teddy bear was the perfect artwork for the silent auction at the coming foundation fund-raising event. Called "Story Time," the 16 x 20-foot portrait is framed and topped with reflective glass.



"I had the idea in the back of my mind and I thought it would be good [subject] for the library."

The boy model was the child of a friend. "It could remind you of anyone's child," she said. "It might spark a memory for someone bidding."

Award-winning Frisella, who welcomes commissions, not only does portraits, but still lifes and landscapes as well. She teaches pastel classes at her newly opened studio - Frisella Fine Art Studio, 20 Old Manchester Rd, Candia - and also has occasional themed art shows there. Her work, and that of other artists, is also on display at East Colony Fine Art, 55 South Commercial St., Manchester.

"I just love him," she said, "because of the position of his body, and that he's telling a story to the bear."

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New MCL Foundation Board Members Serving 3-year Terms:

Jocelyn Bickford

Board position: Treasurer
Moved to Wellington Hill area of Manchester in August 2006
CPA, Howe, Riley & Howe
University of New Hampshire
"I have a general love for the library and desire to give back to the community."

Pauline "Peeps" Pinard Bogaert

Board position: Chair/editor of The Advocate
Moved to North Manchester June 2005
Former *Philadelphia Inquirer* staff writer/columnist for 16 years
Cabrini College
"The Manchester library had a profound influence in my young life growing up in Manchester, and as a result, in my later professional success. Now I want to return what I know, have learned, by serving on the board and making this the best library around."

James R. Bogaert

Board position: May event publicity chair
Moved to North Manchester June 2005
U.S.A.F. Colonel (ret.), former project manager Lockheed Martin
U.S. Air Force Academy
"I am a frequent library user, and I wanted to do my bit to help make it better."

Rosamond "Roz" Lockwood

North Manchester resident 19 years
Co-president of Manchester Garden Club; Mount St. Mary Academy
development committee
Regis College
"I truly wanted to become a part of the Manchester community and for years have used the wonderful services that our library provides."

William "Bill" Prive

Goffstown resident
Twenty-year management & financial employee in Manchester government;
library deputy director
Notre Dame College
"Although I left the Manchester library as an employee, I wanted to continue to assist the staff" and library in the renewal it is now experiencing.

Christine "Chris" Windler

Serving 2nd three-year term
North Manchester resident
Board positions included chair of 2005-spring fundraiser,
currently on finance committee and chair
of the library website/memorial donations committees
Estate planning and probate attorney in Salem
Boston University School of Law
"I serve on the foundation board because the library supports such diverse activities—arts, entertainment, business and education—I believe a strong library system is crucial for our community."

There are 14 board members with one position remaining open.

Foundation Spends \$14,990 for Main and West Branch Libraries in 2006

\$5,800 for new oak chairs for the Pine Street
library's south reading room (periodicals area)

\$2,380 for two large window air conditioners for the
West Branch's main floor

\$2,500 for non-fiction DVDs

\$1,500 for promotional materials for the library's
"Get Carded" program

\$1,185 for a motorized screen in the Hunt Room

\$825 for a custom designed podium for the main
library's auditorium

\$650 for a conference phone for library programs and meetings

\$150 for books honoring former board members

Wishing, A Library List for 2007

Top priority:

Refinishing oak tables in Periodical Room, redesign of Information Desk, carpeting lower level West Branch, WiFi with 7 transponders, insight reading module, two 19" flat screen monitors, and custom queuing units

So nice/helpful to have:

Refinishing two round tables Children's Area, microfilms from 500 local newspaper editions, 3 PCs with monitors for West Branch, 2 flat screen monitors with mounts, 2 book carts, security cameras, uniform building and outside event signage, insight reading module, laminator and supplies, display board, custom queuing units and indoor book return, redesign or rehab of information desk and workroom, materials for DVDs, CDs, nonfiction and reference books, Accucut Die Cut Machine and die selections

A Cheer of Thanks



Dr. Grace Sullivan of Manchester Community Television for her help airing our library events

Lynn Safford, Roger Duhaime and **Carol Resch** for their past work as members of the MCLF board

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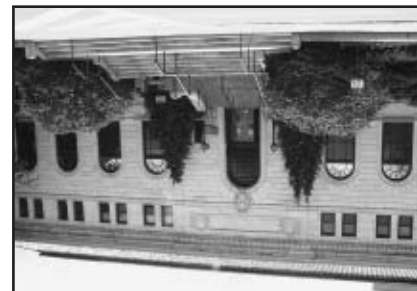
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organizations and foundations in order to enhance library services to our community.*

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